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In re application of:

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Serial No. 09/978,494

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For: METHOD FOR ALLOWING CD

REMOVAL WHEN BOOTING

EMBEDDED OS FROM A CD-ROM

DEVICE

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Minor changes have been made to the specification. Claims 14 and 27 are amended and claims 1-27 remain in the application.